

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, December 19, 2022, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of six years; that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; that if the nomination is confirmed, Senate consider the following nominations, en bloc: Travis Hill, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of six years, and to be Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Jonathan McKernan, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Kimberly Ann McClain, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations, en bloc, without intervening action or debate.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 76 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. EX. 392), Musetta Tia Johnson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for a term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.

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Kendra Davis Briggs, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Errol Rajesh Arthur, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Leslie A. Meek, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Carl Ezekiel Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Laura E. Crane, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Veronica M. Sanchez, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Vijay Shanker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Kathleen Ann Kavalec, of California, to be Ambassador to Romania.

Jessica Davis Ba, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire.

Henry C. Leventis, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

Michael D. Black, of Ohio, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

Catrina A. Thompson, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

9 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force.

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—399)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7268.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CFPB SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from

Rohit Chopra, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

PLASTIC WASTE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight concluded a hearing to examine the impact of plastic use and identifying solutions for reducing plastic waste, after receiving testimony from John Peterson Myers, Environmental Health Sciences, Crozet, Virginia; Judith Enck, Beyond Plastics, Poestenkill, New York; Matt Seaholm, Plastics Industry Association, Washington, D.C.; and Eric Hartz, Nexus Circular, Atlanta, Georgia.

RUSSIAN ACTIVITY ACROSS AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy received a closed brief-

ing on Russian activity across Africa from Nicholas Berliner, Deputy Assistant Secretary of European and Eurasian Affairs, and Ervin Massinga, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of African Affairs, both of the Department of State.

PROMOTING HEALTHY AND AFFORDABLE FOOD

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting healthy and affordable food for older Americans, after receiving testimony from Jeremy Everett, Baylor University Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, Waco, Texas; Temitope Aiyekorun Walker, Georgia Department of Human Services, Atlanta; Tom Gilroy, East Cooper Community Outreach, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina; and Elayne Masters, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania.

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Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 40 public bills, H.R. 9567–9606; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 103; and H. Res. 1525–1527, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2641, to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydro-power development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs (H. Rept. 117–644);

H.R. 2415, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to permanently plug, remediate, and reclaim orphaned wells and the surrounding lands and to provide funds to States and Tribal Governments to permanently plug, remediate, and reclaim orphaned wells and the surrounding lands, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–645);

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. Final Report Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress (H. Rept. 117–646); and

H. Res. 1475, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives any record created on or after January 21, 2021, under the control of the President or the Secretary, respectively, that refers to the Department of Defense and includes certain

terms and phrases relating to gender, adversely, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–647).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, Greenleaf Christian Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

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VA Employee Fairness Act: The House passed H.R. 1948, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities relating to the collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 219 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 530.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–71 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 1518, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1948), (S. 3905), (S. 4003), the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1437), and the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2617) was agreed to yesterday, December 14th. Puerto Rico Status Act: The House passed H.R. 8393, to enable the people of Puerto Rico to choose a permanent, nonterritorial, fully self-governing political status for Puerto Rico and to provide for a transition to and the implementation of that permanent, nonterritorial, fully self-governing political status, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 233 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 529.

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